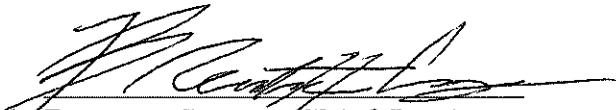


C.J. Cooper submitted his own opinion, concurring in part and dissenting in part:

I agree with the majority except for the path by which the Court ought to navigate the difficulty between Article VI, Section A and Article VI, Section F by demanding a recount. I believe Article VI, Section A to refer both to the casting and counting of votes. The meaning of the words can be determined by the principle of *noscitur sociis*, or the process of knowing words by the words around them. The discussion of how the Election Commission shall mark the ballots indicates that the word "election" includes both casting and counting.

Instead, I think the proper way to maneuver the difficulty presented by these two points is by recognizing that Article VI, Section A is a general provision and Article VI, Section F is a more specific provision. Section A is general since the title of the section is "General". Whenever two provisions of these kinds conflict, it is an established principle that we ought to defer to the specific provision in order to give greater effect to the entire text of the provision. *Reading Law, by Scalia and Garner; O'Rourke v. Douglas, 67-01*. Accordingly, a recount should be allowed with this reasoning.



Brenton Cooper, Chief Justice